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Board of Supervisors votes to censure Blue Ridge representative

By Staff Reports

In a majority vote on Monday, the Patrick County Board of Supervisors voted to censure Steve Marshall, Blue Ridge District representative.

On a motion of vice chairman Andrew Overby, of the Dan River District, and a second by Mayo Rive District Supervisor Clayton Kendrick, the motion was open for discussion.

Overby said he asked for a resolution to be prepared to censure Marshall and remove him from all committee assignments.

Overby read the resolution, which stated in part that the board "expresses their displeasure with the consistent display of unprofessional behavior of Board of Supervisors member Steve Marshall by his repeated attempts to silence, harass, intimidate, bully, threaten and defame other members of the Board of Supervisors as well as appointed members of the board's committees, commissions, and authorities and citizens of Patrick County.

"Marshall operates multiple social media accounts and/or websites with the intent to silence, harass, intimidate, bully, and defame members of the Board of Supervisors as well as appointed members of the board's committees, commissions, and authorities and" county residents, Overby read.

"Marshall has publicly made defamatory statements against members of the Board of Supervisors as well as appointed members of the board's committees, commissions, and authorities and citizens of Patrick County in public meetings of



Steve Marshall read a statement after the Patrick County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to censure him.

the Board of Supervisors and on social media accounts and/or websites operated" by Marshall, the resolution stated.

Additionally, "Marshall has continuously committed acts to restrict free speech of the citizens of Patrick County by blocking citizens from his official social media accounts, blocking comments on his posts on social media, and deleting his own as well as citizen's comments on social media; and ... has attempted to silence, harass, intimidate, bully, threaten and defame other members of the Board of Supervisors through email communications and serving members of the Board of Supervisors and Patrick County with 'Notice of Claim and Intent to Bring Civil and/or Criminal Action' against the Board of Supervisors" and the county, it stated.

Overby said, the board "seeks to (See Board p. 2)



Steve Peal (center) was named Fire Department Officer of the Year. Peal is flanked by Andrew Overby (left) and Stever Marshall (right).

Emergency personnel celebrated at annual banquet

By Taylor Boyd

April 26.

Board of Supervi-County.

"You give your time by volunteers. away from your famiown lives in danger ev-

Local fire depart- your neighbors and county and community ment and rescue squad fellow citizens in their would be "in a world of volunteers were hon- time of need. That type hurt." ored during the an- of commitment and nual fire and rescue courage is something the Blue Ridge Disbanquet on Saturday, that can never be over- trict, echoed Overby's stated," he said.

sors Vice Chairman of the most vital ser- volunteers and what Andrew Overby, of the vices any county can they do for the county. Dan River District, provide, Overby said, said the volunteers are noting that in Patrick Vernon was named true heroes in Patrick County part of those Firefighter of the Year, services are provided and Steve Peal was

lies and you do it self- have dedicated their Year. lessly, you put your lives to helping others, ward isn't material, it's er of the Year. you were there when their years of service: someone needed you the most," he said.

ering dedication of Bobbitt, Carl Smith, the volunteers, Overby

ery single day to help said he believes the

Steve Marshall, of sentiments, Public safety is one that he appreciated the

At the banquet, Will named Fire Depart-"People like you who ment Officer of the

John Krafinshi was not for a paycheck but recognized as EMS because it's the right Pre-Hospital Provider thing to do. You do it of the Year, Diana Fobecause your hearts ley was named EMS are in it because you Officer of the Year, and care. As I know for Stuart Scott was honmany of you the re- ored as First Respond-

the quiet satisfaction Fire and rescue volof knowing that you've unteers also received made a difference, that pins in recognition o

Three-year Josua Payne, Jim-Without the unwav- my Willard, Scotty (See Banquet p. 8)

tv. That commitment

was matched only by

the deep love she had

for her own family, a

warmth she brought

to her work every day,"

Councilmember

Dave Hoback said he

was shocked and deep-

ly saddened to learn of Slate's sudden passing

and extended prayers

and heartfelt condo-

years ago when I began

"I first met Susan 40

lences to her family.

Simmons said.

Town employee known for kindness passes away

By Taylor Boyd

Susan Clinard Slate, known by many as the Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Stuart, passed away Saturday, April 12.

Slate, 67, was a devoted mother, grandmother and wife who was known for her kindness, generosity and love.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete Slate, and is survived by two children, Jessica Gregory (Edward) and James Slate (Erin), and her four grandchildren: Arya Wyatt and Wade Slate.

and Slate Gregory and Manager Bryce Simmons said Slate dedicated more than four decades of exceptional service to

the people of Stuart as clerk and treasurer.

(See Kindness p. 4)

Floral pop-up in time for spring bouquets



from her vehicle near the Patrick Springs Post Office on Saturday, April 19.



Customers were encouraged to make their own bouquets. For more information, visit Facebook.com/ WoodleighFarmFloral.

Council schedules public hearing on proposed budget

By Taylor Boyd

The Stuart Town Council will hold a public hearing on May 21 to gain input on its proposed fiscal year 2025-26 spending plan.

While the town always tries to run a zero budget, Town Manager Bryce Simmons explained at the April 16 meeting that the budget is slightly up from last year, with a total of \$2,208,114 for revenues and expenditures.

"We do have a projected project budget, which includes grants and passthrough funds, of \$4,424,472," he said.

Simmons said he added that's not at retirement age. I funds back into the budget for reimbursements for the Patrick County façade grant program. These funds will cover half of the grant the county gives to businesses within town limits for façade improvements.

"Assuming that the county continues with its program as

we have understood that they will be," he said. Simmons also added insur-

ance to the Treasurer position.

"The town didn't pay insurance on behalf of Susan (Slate). I'm assuming we will be filling that position with somebody

assume we will be paying insurance for that person again," he said. In terms of transparency and

making the budget easier to understand, Councilmember Dave Hoback asked if it would be possible under general expenses to show transfers from the general fund to the water and sewer funds, and the amounts necessary to balance the funds.

"That way when we get a total under general revenues and a total under general expenses

(See Council p. 3) glue for this communi-

"She had this incredible ability to connect everything and everyone-she really was the

working for Patrick County government. I interacted with her countless times over the years wearing one of her many hats with the town and consistently found her to be kind, helpful and pleasant," he said.

faithful public servant, Hoback said Slate held an institutional knowledge of the administrative operations of Stuart's government,

As a dedicated and

Board

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formally express its disapproval of Board of Supervisors member Steve Marshall's continued unprofessional behavior, abuse of power, and disdain for the citizens of Patrick County.'

The resolution "formally censures ... Marshall for his continued unprofessional behavior, censorship of the citizens of Patrick County, and attempts to silence, harass, intimidate, bully, threaten and defame of other members of the Board of Supervisors as well as appointed members of the board's committees, commissions, and authorities, and" county residents.

It added, "the Board of Supervisors hereby revokes Board of Supervisors member Steve Marshall's appointments to the Department of Social Services Board, Community Policy and Management Team, and as Town/County Liaison and prohibits Supervisor Marshall from being appointed to any of the board's or county's committees, commissions, and authorities for a term of no less than 1 year, effective as of the date of this Resolution of Public Censure."

Kendrick, Overby and chairman Jonathan Wood, of the Peters Creek District, voted to approve the resolution.

Marshall abstained.



After Steve Marshall read his statement, Patrick County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jonathan Wood called for a

the brief discussion preceding the vote, Perry, of the Smith River District, encouraged residents who had an issue with Marshall to file the paperwork needed to have him removed from office.

After the vote, Marshall said, "Understand that censure – these things, that's free speech. It's meaningless, absolutely meaningless. of The Enterprise.

Doug Perry voted against the motion. During What's trying to be done here is silence what I'm saying online which is exposing things that this board does. Okay, other than that that's their right to censure, and that's pretty much all I have to say. You can censure every meet-

> More about this developing story and the meeting will be published in the May 7 edition

Parkway foundation awarded \$5 million grant for regional tourism

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has secured a three-year, \$5.13 million grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to support regional strategies to advance cultural and recreational tourism. The grant activities will benefit dozens of Appalachian gateway communities along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia and North Carolina that host millions of visitors each year.

"By investing in infrastructure improvements, regional business growth, and tourism workforce development, Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's ARISE grant stands to have a robust economic impact on Appalachian North Carolina and Southwest Virginia," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "In addition, this project exemplifies the importance of a multistate, collaborative approach to rebuilding in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, or any horrific disaster within our region."

The ARC grant and matching funds will help implement strategies outlined in the Blue Ridge Rising Action Plan, created with the input of hundreds of community leaders in the counties that neighbor the national park. Blue Ridge Rising marks the first time in the national park's history that these counties are working together to implement travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation strategies that will have wide-ranging benefits throughout the Parkway corridor. The initiative earned the Public Lands Alliance's 2025 Outstanding Public Engagement Award.

"After Hurricane Helene, wildfires, storm, and other recent challenges, our local assets. communities need this ARC grant now more than ever," said Carolyn Ward, CEO of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. "We look forward to putting these dollars to work quickly to enhance Parkway-related tourism and local economies."

This grant was made under the Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE), which is an ARC initiative that aims to drive large-scale, regional transformation through multistate collaborative projects across Appalachia. The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation will partner with Friends of Southwest Virginia, based in Abingdon, Va., to implement this grant.

"This funding represents a significant opportunity to advance regional tourism and economic development," said Kim Davis, Executive Director of Friends of Southwest Virginia.

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A view of Sharp Top Mountain from Peaks of Otter on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Bedford, Va. (By Vicki Dameron)

"Through this partnership with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, we are aligning efforts across state lines to strengthen Appalachian gateway communities, support local businesses, and enhance the visitor experience along one of our most valuable natural and cultural

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the Blue Ridge Parkway, helping to ensure cultural and historical preservation, natural resource protection, educational outreach, and visitor enjoyment now and for future generations. Since 1997, the Foundation has provided more than \$24 million in support for one of the country's most visited national parks. To learn more, visit BRPFoundation.org. To learn more about Blue Ridge Rising, visit BlueRidgeRising.com.

Friends of Southwest Virginia is dedicated to preserving and promoting Southwest Virginia's outdoor and cultural assets. The nonprofit's mission revolves around the preservation, promotion, and presentation of Southwest Virginia's diverse cultural and natural heritage. Through collaborative partnerships, Friends drives economic growth while providing educational and cultural opportunities for students and the wider community. For more information, visit friendsofswva.org

Pets of the Week



Anatolian Shepherd mix, one year old female; best to a home without livestock

Friendly, loving male

Adorable one year old male pit mix.

They are all so deserving of a loving home. Free spay/neuter rabies vaccinations. Call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter at (276) 694-6259, visit the shelter or their Facebook page, to find information about these and other available pets in need of a forever home. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and rabies vaccination

The Blue Ridge Animal





Welfare League provides pet food assistance and information about lowcost spay/neuter services; blueridgeawl@ contact gmail.com. We are also asking for live trap donations (have-a-heart type), even if they need some minor repairs. Used cat carriers would also be appreciated.

The Patrick County School Board approved updates totaling \$1.2 million using one-percent sales tax funds, instead of the \$2.3 million that was reported in last week's edition.

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Arrests Reported

ed the following:

*Jonathan Kendall Lamm, 36, of Stuart, was charged March 23 with drive while intoxicated. Senior Trooper L.G. Foley was the arresting officer.

*Tyler Benjamin Brockney, 24, of Stuart, was charged March 24 with three counts probation violation. Sgt. L.K. Carroll, Jr., was the arresting of-

*Amanda Prillaman, 38, of Stuart, was charged March 24 with one count each destruction of property, conspire to break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, and petit larceny. Inv. J.W. Kruse was the arresting officer.

*Joyce Charles, 41, of Stuart, was charged March 24 with one count each destruction of property, conspire to break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, and petty larceny. Inv. J.W. Kruse was the arresting officer.

*Joseph Brooks Iddings, 41, of Stuart, was charged March 24 with one count each destruction of property, conspire to break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, and petty larceny. Inv. J.W. Kruse was the arresting officer.

*Tyler Benjamin Brockney, 24, of Stuart, was charged March 24 with one count each destruction of property, conspire to break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, break and enter building with intent to commit larceny, and petty larceny. Inv. J.W. Kruse was the arresting officer.

*River Lee Helms, 26, of Woolwine, was charged March 25 with assault. Sgt. J.G. Pickerel was the arresting officer.

*Terry Lee Cardwell, Jr., 55, of Madison, NC, was charged March 26 with one count each petit larceny, possession of burglarious tools, and break and enter building with intent to commit larceny. Sgt. J.C. Fortner was the arresting officer.

*Dionte Morris Nowlin, 22, of Stuart, was charged March 27 with one count each stalking and threat in writing. Deputy J.L. Fain was the arresting of-

*James Nelson Thompson, 25, of Bassett, was charged March 28 with two counts probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick

*Bryant Lee Perkins, 44, of Stuart, was charged March 28 with assault. Inv. Tennille E. Jessup was the arresting officer.

*Joshua Coy Reed, 45, of Martinsville, was charged March 29 with probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Harvey Lee Edwards, Jr., 23, of Claudville, was charged March 30 with fail to appear. Sgt. L.K. Carroll, Jr., made the arrest for Pulaski County.

*Dale Anthony Helms, 28, of Henry County Jail, was charged March 30 with eight counts of probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Amber Leigh Wyatt, 36, of Collinsville, was

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office report- charged April 1 with fail to appear. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

> *Amber Renee Scott, 37, of Stuart, was charged April 2 with one count each credit card fraud, attempt to commit credit card fraud, and ID theft. Senior Deputy C. Gilbert was the arresting officer.

*Christopher Bryan Vernon, 54, of Stuart, was charged April 2 with drive while intoxicated. Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

*Lori Hollandsworth Blais, 35, of Stuart, was charged April 3 with fail to appear. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Jonathan Robert Forcier, 31, of Patrick County Jail, was charged April 3 with two counts probation violation. Sgt. E.J. Litz made the arrest for Grayson *George Kevin Rucker, 42, address unavailable,

was charged April 4 with drive motor vehicle while license is revoked/suspended. Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

*Jeffrey Andrew McFarlane, 73, of Stuart, was charged April 7 with assault. Inv. J.W. Kruse was the arresting officer. *Marque Javon Carter, 32, of Collinsville, was

charged April 7 with fail to appear. Sgt. E.J. Litz was the arresting officer. *Jonathan Lee Rivers, 41, of Collinsville, was

charged April 8 with five counts probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County. *Vernon Leon Charles, III, 40, of Patrick County

Jail, was charged April 9 with two counts of probation violation. Senior Deputy H.R. Hylton made the arrest for Franklin County.

*Casey Marie Henderson, 38, of South Boston, was charged April 10 with fail to obey court order. Senior Deputy Douglas Perry was the arresting of-

*William Jason Ayers, 43, of Mt Airy, NC, was charged April 10 with fail to appear. Senior Deputy H.R. Hylton was the arresting officer. *Elvis Xavier Santiago Rivera, 28, of Patrick

County Jail, was charged April 10 with five counts probation violation. Senior Deputy H.R. Hylton was the arresting officer and Deputy T. Dalton made the arrest for Martinsville.

*Steven Keys, 38, of Bassett, was charged April 15 with four counts of probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Isreal Jacob Davis, 26, of Mt. Airy, N.C., was charged April 16 with grand larceny. Sgt. I.R. Wood was the arresting officer.

*Amber Dee Horton, 43, of Ararat, was charged April 16 with contribute to delinquency of a minor. Inv. F.M. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

*Nathan Eugene Bedsaul, 40, of Stuart, was charged April 17 with fail to appear. Senior Deputy C.A. Merriman was the arresting officer.

*Stacey Rae Biggs, 31, of Critz, was charged April 17 with fail to appear. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Brandon Ashley Royal, 44, of Martinsville, was charged April 17 with two counts of probation violation. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick

Council

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they match," Hoback said.

Simmons said it is possible and believes the line item to do that is already in the town's financial management system.

"I think this was just a carryover from the last time I prepared the budget. But I absolutely can include those transfer numbers," he said.

In other matters, the council:

*Approved closing the town office on Friday, April 18, so town employees could attend the funeral of Susan Slate.

*Held a moment of silence for Slate, as directed by Jeff Houchins.

*Approved the meeting minutes.

*Discussed the Beer & Wine Festival.

*Discussed two town businesses, Blue Ridge Tap House and Stagecoach, that have not paid or are delinquent in paying meals tax.

*Paid the bills.

Councilmember Rebecca Adcock attended the meeting via phone.

County.

*Ray Darryl Horsley, 56, no address available, was charged April 17 with two counts of probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Christopher Lee Penn, 43, of Patrick Springs, was charged April 18 with assault. Senior Deputy N.A. Wolfe was the arresting officer. *Tony James Dupree II, 33, of Mt. Airy, NC, was

charged April 19 with one count each assault and prevent/delay communication. Deputy J.L. Fain was the arresting officer. *Terry Wayne Glenn, 51, of Stuart, was charged

April 19 with violation of protective order. Senior Deputy M.R. Hodges was the arresting officer. *Freddie Lee Kendrick, Jr., 22, of Woolwine, was

incarceration. Sgt. C.L. Elgin was the arresting of-*Terry Lee Cardwell, Jr., 55, of Madison, N.C., was charged April 20 with one count each interfere

charged April 20 with violation of home/electronic

Sgt. J.C. Fortner was the arresting officer. *William Daniel Fitzgerald, 34, of Bassett, was charged April 21 with three counts probation violation. Sgt. L.K. Carroll, Jr., was the arresting officer.

with property rights of another and petit larceny.

*Edward Earnest Barnes, 68, of Martinsville, was charged April 21 with two counts of probation violation. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Dionte Nowlin, 22, of Patrick County Jail, was charged April 24 with five counts probation violation. Deputy T. Dalton was the arresting officer.

*Christopher Wayne Bowman, 37, of Stuart, was charged April 11 with one count each fail to comply with terms of bond and false identity to LEO. Senior Deputy N.A. Wofle was the arresting officer.

*Terry Wayne Glenn, 51, of Stuart, was charged April 12 with fail to appear. Master Deputy M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

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Girl Scout troop plans fundraiser

Girl Scout Troop 1302 they will from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sat. May 3, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Providence United Methodist Church in Patrick Springs.

Also on Saturday, a bake sale

will be held starting at 8 a.m. A lunch of hotdogs, chips, sodas and water starts at 10:30 a.m.

This event will help the scouts hold a Yard Sale Friday, May 2 with their events, badges, and future travels.

> The sale has household goods, toys, backpacks, bikes, electric accessories, clothes for all ages and much, much more. Come out and buy some treasures, some food and help support the scout troop.

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VIEWPOINTS

Reconciliation, it is confusing!

Legislating spending by the Virginia legislature - never easy - was a lot less complicated than at the federal level.

In Virginia, there is a single bill that determines what the state spends.

At the federal level, however, you have a budget resolution, the potential for a reconciliation process and twelve appropriations acts, if things are going according to plan.

Last year, things did not go according to plan, and we ended up with a series of continuing resolution measures for spending.

It can be very confusing!

This year, both the House and Senate passed a budget resolution.

The budget resolution sets an overall blueprint of fiscal targets and goals for what Congress is trying to accomplish in terms of costs and sav-

On April 10, the House adopted the Senate's budget resolution.

Now, we begin the reconciliation process.

Reconciliation is a fiscal policy tool that enacts changes to the budget. Things like government spending, revenues (tax policy) and debt-limit laws can all be amended.

Congress "reconciles" current law with the fiscal objectives of the budget resolution.

No policy can be taken up if it does not directly impact the funds being raised or spent by the United States government.

The budget resolution instructs the respective policy committees to identify ways to accomplish these goals.

These committees are required to draft up recommendations that fall in line with the directives.

The instructed committees in both chambers will hold markup hearings over the course of the next few weeks.

A markup on reconciliation is when the committee makes its recommendations to the policies it needs to enact to meet the targets of the budget process is typically slow and can take months.



Morgan Griffith

Representative

resolution. Debate occurs, and then a vote in the committee is taken.

That is the step we are currently in.

The House Ways and Means Committee, which is tasked with writing the country's tax laws, can offer changes to the tax code that comply with a budget resolution's aims to lower or raise taxes.

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce, on which I serve, has jurisdiction over policy related to energy issues such as grant and loan programs for different energy sources, such as coal, wind and solar.

Energy and Commerce is also responsible for policy related to broadband and the internet, which includes the potential sale of Spectrum. And, of course, it deals with health care policy, including Medicaid.

Other committees involved in this process are the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

After the committees report their recommendations, the House Budget Committee puts everything together into one bill.

When the reconciliation package is finalized in each house, the bill is voted on.

If the two chambers pass different versions, then a conference must convene to hash out the

Despite limited debate in the Senate, the entire

This Congress, once House and Senate Republicans acted to get the ball moving on the reconciliation process, it invited increased attention and a lot of misinformation.

Some people seem to believe they have a crystal ball and are alleging that all kinds of things are happening in the reconciliation bill.

Recently, I held a tele-town hall meeting and was told by a couple of callers that I was wrong because clearly they had read something on the internet that contradicted what I was telling

I understood their confusion, but for anybody to say they know exactly what is in the reconciliation bill on the date of this newsletter does not fully appreciate the complexities of the process.

As an example, for hours during this past week, I have been reviewing policies, numbers and court opinions related to this reconciliation process. None of the committees responsible for mak-

ing these decisions have released a plan or held a markup. Several weeks ago, the president and Republicans were not talking about any tax increases in

the reconciliation package. As I write, apparently there are some discuss-

ing possible limited tax increases! As the next few weeks consume the time of lawmakers, I will monitor the reports made by each policy committee and analyze their potential im-

pact on a reconciliation package.

Once a final reconciliation package is drafted, I will weigh its benefits to the families, businesses and communities of Virginia's Ninth District before I cast my vote.

After reconciliation, we move to the appropriations process that will additionally reflect the decisions made in reconciliation.

Call the Abingdon office at (276) 525-1405, the Christiansburg office at (540) 381-5671, or email by visiting www.morgangriffith.house.gov with questions or comments.

Kindness

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which will be impossible to immediately replace.

"Her passing leaves a deep void and unbe sadly missed by her Town of Stuart coworkour Lord provides her friend," he said. strength and time of great loss and grief," Hoback said.

Ray Weiland said Slate embodied the saying, was someone he consid-

"She knew everything that has been everything," he said.

Anytime he needor had questions, Weiland said Slate could

always answer them. If on a day-to-day basis. she couldn't, she knew where to go to find the

"She was such a huge questionably she will help to me and just a great person to have around. She was just ers and the members of good to talk to and I council. Finally, I pray felt like she was a good

Weiland said he will comfort during their remember Slate consistently smiling and laughing while work-Former Stuart Mayor ing, and believes she "If you enjoy what you ered to be a good friend. do, you never work a day in your life.

"She just always had happening in the town a smile on her face and for the last 40-some- seemed to be enjoything odd years when ing what she did every she was working there. single day. That's a of together and I loved She was a great person blessing for anyone to her to death, she was to have around because be able to work where really a sweetheart,' she just remembered they have an enjoyable time," he said.

Weiland hopes the ed information about town can recover from the town and took care how things operated her loss but believes many do not realize the extent of what Slate did

"We'll have to recover obviously, but it's going to take a lot to overcome that loss of knowledge and her ability. It's going to take a while to figure all that out and get everything running the way it ought to run again," Weiland said.

Every time he walks through the Town Office's door, Weiland said he still expects to see Slate's face.

"I will greatly miss that," he said.

Former Stuart Town Manager Terry Tilley said he worked with Slate for nearly 40 vears.

"We were just kind he said.

Tilley believes Slate did an excellent job for of everything.

"She kept me straight a lot. She was just a



Susan Slate

person who was punctual, and she worked at her job really hard a whole lot about her." he said.

Tilley and grandchildren.

In addition to knowing her through his time on the town council, former council member Dean Goad said Slate for many years.

"She was a very intelligent girl. She did a



A mourning wreath was placed on the doors to the Town of Stuart offices in remembrance of long-time employee Susan Slate.

wonderful job keeping that's what I admired the water system and perience will be hard to replace. She's going to be hard to replace too,

was also his neighbor member Slate's sympathy for those who had trouble paying their water bills.

I'll tell you that."

"Some of them when they would get behind" all the payments and on paying their water did them for the coun- bills "she would work added that ty for a while with the with them real good to Slate was known for PSA (Public Service keep from turning the her love of her children Authority)," Goad said. water off. She was re-"Her knowledge and ex- ally sympathetic with the people who live in town, and she always gave them leeway so that their water never Goad said he will re- had to cut them off. She had empathy for people who couldn't pay them right on time sometimes," he said.

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New branding launches to help consumers find Virginia meat products

New branding unveiled at the Virginia Beef families." Expo will help connect Virginia consumers with meat products that have been produced solely in the Commonwealth. "Virginia Verified Beef" will be part of a Virginia Verified Meat brand that demonstrates to consumers that the product was bred, born, raised, and processed in the state.

"From farms across Virginia, our cattle farmers and other livestock farmers deliver high-quality products to kitchen tables around the world," said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "I am honored to promote this new brand that will help consumers identify those meats produced to the highest standards by our farmers throughout the Commonwealth. Our communities are financially stronger and physically healthier when they have access to the best quality food from within our great state."

'Virginia's beef industry helps the Commonwealth thrive, with more than 574,000 head of cattle contributing over \$524 million to the state's economy," said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matthew Lohr. "Beef cattle and calves are Virginia's second-largest agricultural commodity, and we are pleased to recognize that impact as we unveil the new Virginia Verified Beef logo and Virginia Verified Meat brand."

"As a beef farmer myself, I'm proud to see Virginia stand with its farmers and commit to making it easier and more appealing for consumers to find the products that have been made on their doorstep." said Delegate Michael Webert, patron of the legislation. "We have beef and other meats of the highest quality bred here in the Commonwealth, born here, raised here, and processed all

right here. Now consumers will have a distinct

logo that will help them find that high-quality,

wholesome food when they're shopping for their

"We're delighted to see Virginia legislators support Virginia's beef and livestock farmers with the passage of this new Virginia Verified meat certification, and the Virginia Cattlemen's Association is proud to be authorized to certify Virginia Verified Beef products," said Brandon Reeves, Executive Director of the Virginia Cattlemen's Association. "Virginia farmers work hard to produce quality meats in the Commonwealth, and we're excited to have this new tool to certify these meat products and draw consumers to buy products that support their local farmers."

"It's always a great day to support Virginia farmers and consumers, and we think Virginia Verified Meat branding will help shoppers find the best local products to feed their families," said Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Joseph Guthrie. 'Consumers can be confident when they buy these products that the meat was bred, born, raised, and processed here in the Commonwealth."

The creation of Virginia Verified Meat certification was passed by the Virginia General Assembly in 2024. The Virginia Verified Beef logo was the first of this branding line to be unveiled, during a presentation at the Virginia Beef Expo in Harrisonburg, Va. Secretary Matthew Lohr and Commissioner Joe Guthrie were in attendance, with recorded remarks by Governor Glenn Youngkin.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will administer the Virginia Verified Meat program working with authorized industry partners like the Virginia Cattlemen's Association to provide certification. Virginia Verified Meat includes qualifying cattle, goats, sheep

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Patrick Pioneers



Martha Ann Rebecca Cobbs (Photos courtesy of Joy Branham)

The Anthony Family of Patrick County By Joy Branham and Beverly Belcher Woody

For the next couple of weeks, we'll be exploring the rich history of the Anthony family. I'm especially fortunate this week to be joined by Joy Branham, a direct descendant of the Anthonys, as my co-author. I'm very thankful for Joy-this time around, all I had to do was ask the questions, and she provided the well-researched answers.

In the 1830s, 22-year-old Benjamin Allen Anthony, son of John Austin "Jack" Anthony and Mary Allen of Bedford County, moved to a farm along what is now County Line Road in Patrick County. The property was a wedding gift to his 19-year-old bride, Martha Ann Rebecca Cobbs, from her parents, John Croton Cobbs and Martha Rebecca Hunt of Halifax County.

John Cobbs, a substantial landowner with over 25,000 acres to his name, reportedly disapproved of the marriage—but didn't forbid it. Instead, he gave his daughter the farthest-away farm he owned, stating that he "didn't want to have to look at his sonin-law across the dinner table every Sunday!" In the family, Benjamin was affectionately referred to as "Granddaddy Ben Allen." Census records list him as a schoolteacher, and his love of literature showed in the names he chose for his children.

Benjamin and Martha had nine children — seven daughters and two sons: Mary, Martha, Sarah, Su-



John Virgil Anthony

Columbia, Morgiana, and Homer. Although we often think of the 1800s as a time of deep-rooted settlement, the Anthonys were surprisingly mobile. Their descendants quickly spread across the South and beyond, to places like North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Arkansas, and Texas.

For the rest of the story, we will focus on Benjamin and Martha's oldest son, Virgil, his wife, and descendants. After Virgil's father's death in 1860, relatives in Mississippi urged the family to move west, promising fertile farmland and a fresh start. At the time, Virgil was attending Emory and Henry College, but he paused his education, gathered essential farming supplies, and headed toward Mississippi to scout the move. Those plans were soon interrupted by the war.

At just twenty years old, Virgil enlisted in Company A of the 11th Mississippi Regiment—famously known as the "University Greys." Under the command of Captain Tom Watson and General Barnard Bee, Virgil rose to the rank of first lieutenant. He fought in both battles of Manassas (Bull Run), and his regiment camped at Arlington Heights on their advance toward Washington, D.C. After Captain Watson was killed in battle, Virgil took command but was seriously wounded and sent to Lynchburg for medical care.

He later fought in the Seven Days Campaign near Richmond. Tragically, his cousin Henry Anthonywho had volunteered with him—was killed during the fighting and buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. Virgil, wounded again, returned home to Patsan, John Virgil (who would go by Virgil), Celestia, rick County on sick leave and was assigned to track



Felicianna Nannie Anthony

down Confederate deserters.

After recovering, he rejoined the war effort, this time with Company H of the 51st Virginia Infantry under General Jubal Early. On March 2, 1865, during the Battle of Waynesboro, he was captured by Union troops and sent to Fort Delaware, a prison camp. The journey was brutal: already weak and underfed, many prisoners perished while crossing swollen rivers. A young Union lieutenant took pity on Virgil, offering him the tail of his horse to hold onto while crossing one such river—an act that may have saved his life.

Virgil was released from Fort Delaware on June 19, 1865, and walked all the way back to Patrick County. Following the war, Virgil's mother purchased a farm in the Spencer area of Henry County, mainly because the house on the property was still livable. It's believed that the family's original home at Cedar Hill in Patrick County had burned during the war and was never rebuilt.

On November 8, 1876, Virgil Anthony married his father's first cousin, Felicianna Nancy "Nannie" Jones Anthony, the daughter of Abner Anthony and Almira Arthur of Bedford County. Together, they would go on to raise a remarkable family whose stories we'll begin to explore next week.

Special thanks to Anthony descendant Joy Branham for generously sharing her research and photographs, which made this article possible. For questions, comments, or to share your own family memories, Woody can be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

Social Security Matters

visor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty -Please Clear Up Our Confusion

about Our Social Security Payments? Dear Rusty: I am thoroughly confused. What do I need to do to continue receiving automatic Social Security deposits to my bank account, and maintain our Medicare and Supplement health insurance? My wife has received her SS deposit regularly on you are already receiving Social Security benefits the 3rd Wednesday each month with automatic and Medicare insurance), you do not need to do k deposit for many years. I have received my SS deposit regularly the 4th Wednesday each month your Medicare insurance continue without interwith automatic bank deposit also for many years. Can you please tell me what to do to continue receiving these automatic deposits?

First, I hear that we do not need to do anything. Then I hear that we must show up in person at our local SS office to visually confirm our identity. We live 100 miles away from our only SS office, and apparently, they don't take walk-ins. Next, I hear that we must contact the SS on the internet and answer their questions in order to continue receiving our checks. I am totally confused and don't know what to do, and we don't want to miss our checks or have

By Russell Gloor, National Social Security Ad- our Medicare and supplemental insurance cancelled. Can you please help us? Signed: Confused in Hawaii

Dear Confused: I know there have been a lot of news media reports and articles written on the recent changes announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA) with respect to a need to confirm one's identity in-person. Allow me to set you mind at ease because, from what you have described (that anything to have your Social Security benefits, and ruption (and that includes your wife as well).

That which has been reported in the media is sometimes misleading or misinformed, but here at the AMA Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service we are watching these events very closely and can assure you that your regular benefits will continue uninterrupted. The only people who may be affected by the SSA's new processes are those who are applying for Social Security for the first time, or those who need to change where their monthly benefit is deposited. In those cases, the SSA is being very careful that no fraud is being attempted and,

thus, the reason for a possible in-person SSA office visit (but only in those specific unique circumstances). But for you and your wife, it will continue to be "business as usual" and you will see no interruption in either your monthly Social Security benefit nor in your usual Medicare coverage and supplement. You don't need to do anything to have all your ben-

So, please relax and do not worry. And rest assured that here at the AMAC Foundation we are watching all events occurring in Washington, D.C., especially those related to Social Security Medicare, and will promptly inform our members of anything which affects them.

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Hall of Famer, Alumnus to speak at Ferrum College's 109th Commencement Ceremony

Ferrum College alumnus Billy Wagner '94, recently elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, will be the guest speaker at the College's 109th commencement ceremony. The graduating class of 2025 will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, at Hart International Plaza on the

A native of Marion, Virginia, and graduate of Tazewell High School, Wagner had a record-setting baseball career at Ferrum from 1991 to 1993 before he was drafted by the Houston Astros in 1993. He ended his three-year Ferrum career as a 1993 first-team NCAA Division III All-American for the Panthers, with a 17-3 record and a 1.63 earned run average. He still holds the NCAA Division III single-season record for most strikeouts per nine innings in 1992, and the career record for most strikeouts per nine innings. He also played for a year as a starting defensive back on Ferrum's football team in 1990 During his 16 seasons as a pitcher in Major

League Baseball, Wagner played for five different teams and he is one of only eight major league relief pitchers to accumulate at least 400 career saves. He is a seven-time MLB All-Star and was the 1999 MLB National League Rolaids Relief Award Win-

After injuries in his youth, he learned to throw with his left hand, making him the only left-handed reliever elected to the Hall of Fame, as well as the first native of Virginia and first Division III college

Wagner was entered into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2012 and the National College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2019. Since 2011, he has been the



head baseball coach at the Miller School of Albe-

marle in Charlottesville, Virginia, leading winning teams every year. He is married to Ferrum College alumna Sarah Quesenberry '94. Wagner and his former Ferrum College room-

mate Erik Robinson '94 started the Second Chance

Learning Center 20 years ago to provide mentoring,

of southwestern Virginia in sixth through twelfth grades who struggle with hardships, as Wagner did in his childhood. He has visited the campus over the years to support his alma mater, attending events such as a baseball gala called Step Up to the Plate on February 1 this year, and announcements over the past year of Ferrum College's transition from Division III to begin competing with Conference Carolinas as an NCAA Division II school in Fall "We are honored to welcome home our distin-

tutoring, and scholarship opportunities for students

guished alumnus Billy Wagner as our 2025 commencement speaker," said Ferrum College President Mirta Martin. "His recent induction into the MLB Hall of Fame, and a life shaped by excellence, perseverance, humility and service, make him the perfect symbol of Ferrum College's enduring spirit. Billy stands as a bridge between generations—representing an era of excellence in Division III that we proudly close, and ushering in a new chapter filled with promise and purpose as a Division II school. Billy Wagner is both the echo of our proud past and the voice of our inspired future. He is, and always will be, the very spirit of Ferrum College."

The commencement ceremony will honor more than 150 undergraduate and graduate students. Senior Class Present Makaila Veney, from Mon-

tross, Virginia, will be the senior class speaker. A baccalaureate service for graduates and their families will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 2, in Vaughn Chapel. The Concert Choir will provide music at the service. For more information and links for live streaming, see https://www.ferrum. edu/academics/commencement-weekend/.

SPORTS

4-H Marksmen Compete in 2025 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Competition

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen recently traveled to W.E. Skelton 4H Educational Center at Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, VA to take part in the 2025 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Competition. Twenty-one 4-H shooting clubs from around the state attended, with more than 164 youth competing in 17 different events.

Competing for the Patrick County 4-H Marksmen were Landon Alderman, Case Cobler, Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher, Brantley Fortner, Lucas Hartman, Kipton Vipperman, Jace Hopkins, Melina Hopkins, Gabriella Johnson, Eamon Owens, Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom, and Maci Whitlock.

Individual and team results include:

Air Rifle Sporter - 15 and Older - Individual: Abby Corriber – 20th place, Levi Corriber – 23rd

Air Rifle - 14 and Younger - Individual: Reagan Underwood - 3rd place, Maci Whitlock - 4th place, Cooper Wikstrom - 6th place, Landon Alderman - 11th place, Kipton Vipperman - 13th

Air Rifle Sporter Individual All (Junior & Senior): Abby Corriher - 22nd place, Reagan Underwood - 27th place, Maci Whitlock - 34th place, Cooper Wikstrom 38th place, Landon Alderman – 55th place, Kipton Vipperman – 59th

Air Rifle - Sporter Team - 7th place team: Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher, Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom

Air Rifle Silhouette - Senior Individual: Maci Whitlock - 14th place, Cooper Wikstrom - 21st place, Levi Corriher - 25th place, Abby Corriher - 31st place, Reagan Underwood - 44th place

Air Rifle Silhouette – Junior Individual: Kipton Vipperman – 6th place, Landon Alderman

Air Pistol Basic Supported - Individual: Kipton Vipperman – 15th place, Landon Alderman - 18th place, Case Cobler - 19th place, Jace Hopkins – 20th place, Melina Hopkins – 21st place

Air Pistol Standing Supported - Individual: Brantley Fortner – 10th place

Air Pistol Supported Position – 7th place team Kipton Vipperman, Landon Alderman, Brantley Fronter

Air Pistol Supported Position – 8th place team - Case Cobler, Jace Hopkins, Melina Hopkins



Pictured (Left to Right): Front Row - Isaiah Bocock, Kipton Vipperman, Landon Alderman, Case Cobler, Lucas Hartman, Jace Hopkins, Remington Stokes. Back Row - Dee Underwood (Coach), Eamon Owens, Brantley Fortner, Cooper Wikstrom, Reagan Underwood, Gabriella Johnson, Maci Whitlock, Chris Wikstrom (Coach), Melina Hopkins, Wade Hooker (Coach). Not pictured: Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher

al: Eamon Owens – 20th place

Archery Compound Junior - Individual: Kipton Vipperman – 8th place, Landon Alderman 11th place

Archery Genesis Senior - Individual: Levi Corriber - 3rd place, Abby Corriber - 5th place

BB – Individual – 10 and Younger: Kipton Vipperman - 3rd place, Lucas Hartman - 10th place BB - Individual - 11 and Older: Cooper Wik-

strom - 20th place, Gabriella Smith - 24th place, Reagan Underwood - 27th place, Landon Alderman – 37th place, Brantley Fortner – 42nd place, Eamon Owens – 47th place, Jace Hopkins 48th place, Case Cobler – 49th place

BB – Individual - All: Cooper Wikstrom - 20th place, Gabriella Johnson - 26th place, Kipton Vipperman - 29th place, Reagan Underwood - 31st place, Landon Alderman - 44th place, Brantley Fortner - 49th place, Melina Hopkins 51st place, Eamon Owens - 54th place, Jace Hopkins - 56th place, Case Cobler - 58th place, Lucas Hartman - 60th place

BB – 3rd place team - 11 and Older: Cooper Wikstrom, Gabriella Johnson, Kipton Vipperman, Reagan Underwood, Landon Alderman, fice at (276) 694-3341.

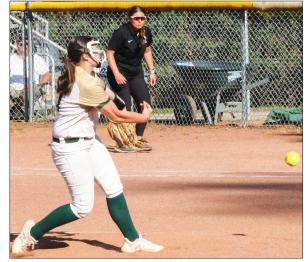
Air Pistol International Standing - Individu- Brantley Fortner, Melina Hopkins, Eamon Owens, Jace Hopkins, Case Cobler, Lucas Hartman

For more information on the 2025 Virginia 4-H Spring Air results visit http://www.orionresults. com and choose Virginia 4-H Spring Air Shoot under the Tournaments and Leagues section.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen use shooting as a vehicle to teach youth ages 9-19 life skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork through skills learned in archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Through these disciplines, youth also learn firearm safety and marksmanship. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen would like to thank American Legion Post # 105 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for their continued support. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen operates on fundraising and grant funding and would like to thank the NRA Foundation for their generous grant that helps make shooting club programming possible in our community.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen Club practices in Stuart and new members are welcome starting in October 2025. For more information, please contact the Patrick County Extension Of-

Floyd County ends Lady Cougar's winning streak



Jenna Woods pitched six innings, striking out six.

By Pat Delaney

The Patrick County High School Lady Cougars came into their April 23 match up with Floyd County riding a six game win streak during which they allowed just 9 runs. On this night, it was Floyd County that got the big hits, heading home with the 8-1 win.

The Lady Cougars threatened in the second, loading the bases, but were unable to get a run

Floyd County took the lead in the top of the third with two runs, adding two more in the fourth. In the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Cougars got a runner on first on a hard-hit ball by Lilly Hazelwood that was mishandled by the Floyd County fielder. She would steal second and took third on a passed ball. Lacy Sutphin drove in Hazelwood on a line drive down the right field line, making the score 4-1 through four.



Ava Hiatt makes a superb running catch, robbing Floyd County of an extra base hit.

In the fifth, Floyd County increased their lead to 5-1. Patrick County loaded the bases again in the bottom of the inning, but the Floyd County third baseman caught a hard-hit line drive, then doubled up the runner on third, ending

Defense highlighted the sixth inning. A superb running catch near the fence by Lady Cougar right fielder Ava Hiatt robbed the Floyd County batter of an extra base hit and helped keep them scoreless in the inning.



Lilly Hazelwood steals second, and would go on to score a run.

Floyd County would add three more runs in the seventh to put the game away, 8-1

Following the game, Lady Cougar coach Ryan Pendleton felt it was not getting the timely hits that made the difference. "When they got runners on base, they got hits. It's just one of those nights."

"That's the first loss that wasn't by one run," said Pendleton, adding that he thought that even in a loss, there was plenty to build on going forward in the season.

PCHS Sports Schedule The Patrick County High School Cougars Sports

Schedule for the week of MAY 5-10:

Girls Tennis at Floyd County 5/5 4:30pm 4:30nm 4:30pm Boys Tennis vs Floyd County 4:30pm 7:00pm Girls Soccerat Martinsville 7:00pm Boys Soccer at Floyd County 5:00pm 5:00pm Baseball at Floyd County 6:00pm 5/6 Softball at Floyd County 7:00pm 5:00pm 5/7 4:30pm Girls Tennis at James River 5/10 TBD (Hollins Univ.)

Girls Tennis vs Alleghany Boys Tennis at Alleghany (Clifton Academy) Softball vs Alleghany Girls Soccer vs Alleghany Boys Tennis at Alleghany (Clifton Academy) Track at Christiansburg

Varsity Softball Beats James River

By Ashlee Mullis

The Lady Cougar Varsity Softball Team traveled to James River, way to a 12-0 win. Journey Moore zelwood all had multiple hits. pitched all 6 innings, striking out 5 and allowing 0 earned runs. 10-2 in the season.

Hayden Lawless led the hit parade going 4-5 with 3 RBIs. Moore went 3-5 with 2 doubles. Chloe Hubbard, on Tuesday, April 22, hitting their Lauren Hazelwood, and Lilly Ha-

The Lady Cougars improved to

Crossing the Lines

News snippets from outside the town/county lines...

County, school budgets head to vote after public hearings

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held public hearings for the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026 school budget and the total county budget at its April 22 meeting.

County Administrator Dale Wagoner said the proposed budget recommends \$119,724,257 for the Henry County school system with \$23,398,263 in local funds.

"Unless you have additional changes or recommendations, we have a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, April 29 at 3 p.m. As of now, the only agenda item is for your consideration of approval of the school budget and the total county budget," he said.

During the school budget's public hearing, Jennifer Rabon asked the board to reconsider Carlisle Schools' request for funding for a School Resource Officer (SRO).

As a mother, Rabon said she has three children attending Carlisle School and went on a field trip with two of them last week.

"At lunchtime, all the teachers and all of our phones started to buzz with an alert from Carlisle School. As any parent of a school-aged child when you get those notifications there is that brief moment when you wonder if this is the moment that your life is changed forever. Thankfully it was not," she said.



Jennifer Rabon asked the Henry County Board of Supervisors to reconsider Carlisle School's funding request for a School Resource Officer (SRO).

She noted Carlisle's tuition ranges from \$6,000-\$14,000 per year, "which is a lot. However, reading through the school budget, I think Henry County is spending over \$16,000 per student for support. So, I feel like we are offering and delivering a very good product for less money," she said.

PSA board weighs first rate hike in 12 years



PSA General Manager Dale Wagoner (left) prepares to give his presentation on the fiscal year 2025-2026 PSA budget. Pictured to the right is PSA Chairman Stuart Bowman. (Contributed photos)

get for the Henry County Public Service Authority (PSA) includes a recommended \$5 monthly increase in water and wastewater rates to address rising operational costs and ensure continued delivery of safe, reliable service to the

This would mark the first adjustment long-term, responsible planning." rials that can no longer be absorbed without compromising service.

easy, and we're sensitive to the im- similar services.

The proposed fiscal year 2025-26 bud- pact on our customers," said General Manager Dale Wagoner. "But this step is critical to ensuring our water and wastewater systems remain resilient, responsive, and ready to serve future generations. It's about more than keeping things running—it's about responding to growing financial pressures with

f rates for the PSA in 12 years, a deci- If the rate changes go into effect sion driven by escalating costs for treat- the monthly rate for residential cusment, electricity, and essential mate- tomers would be \$35 per service up to 4,000 gallons of usage. This figure still falls below state and national averages "We know rate increases are never which hover around \$40 per month for

Marking 50 years since Vietnam: Two veterans share their stories



Army veteran Curtis R. Millner, Sr., (second from left) received Martinsville and Henry County's Outstanding Veteran award in 2021. The award was presented by representatives from the city and county, including Kathy Lawson (far left), Debra Buchanan, and Tommy

end of the Vietnam War on April 30, two local veterans shared their experiences before, during, and after the war.

a warrant officer, served as a maintenance sergeant with an engineer bat- 17 years old.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the talion. The unit was responsible for building and maintaining roads, bridges, telephone lines, and other critical infrastructure to keep supply lines Curtis R. Millner, Sr., who retired as open—often while under enemy fire.

Millner enlisted in the Army at just

Mayor targets 'unethical practices' with proposed city probe



From left, council member Julian Mei, Vice Mayor Kathy Lawson, Martinsville Sheriff Steve Draper, Sheriff's Maj. Laura Hopkins, Mayor LC Jones, council members Rayshaun Gravely and Aaron Rawls are pictured presenting a proclamation for National Corrections Officers and Employees Week.

Martinsville Mayor LC Jones directed City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benalaunch a proposed investigation into the actions of city officials regarding unethical practices, neglect, and misuse of office.

Jones said the investigation would include council members, city employees, constitutional officers, public safety, as well as volunteers who are members of boards and commissions.

"All city operations," he said.

An investigation is needed, he said, in light of the persistent and unfounded slander and defamation all to undermine my character and integrity but along with other council members and employees." Jones instructed Ferrell-Benavides to reach out to the attorneys to "investigate the actions of council members in regards to unethical practices, neglect, and misuse of office" and to "get some direction on what that would look like for us to move forward, to launch an investigation."

Following the meeting, Jones said in vides to work with the city attorney to a Facebook post that these attacks have come not only from certain members of city council but also from city employees and other elected officials.

"Such cowardly actions are devoid of evidence and rely solely on baseless allegations, often amplified by local media that has chosen to participate in this discrediting campaign without substantiating facts," he said.

Jones said he believes the city must embrace transparency as its guiding principle.

"I believe it is the right of every citizen to be informed and engaged throughout this process. Those making these accusations should welcome the opportunity for scrutiny, as should all council members and city employees. Together, we can navigate this political landscape riddled with falsehoods and reveal the documented truth. I eagerly anticipate that day," Jones said in the post.

Reversion study proposal raises eyebrows among leaders



Director of Community Development Eric Payne (left) and Greg Maggard, director of Public Works, gave an update to Martinsville City Council at Tuesday's meeting.

cently addressed concerns about Jones. reversion after Mayor LC Jones mentioned requesting a consolidation study and a reversion study. Many residents opposed past reversion efforts and still do, and council members clarified their positions on whether to support a study or pursue the process.

Jones said he individually asked the city manager for a reversion study and emphasized that it was not discussed by the full council.

"So, it's not that all of council asked. I've said I asked" during "my conversation with the city manager. This is what I would like to see. I would like you to present (it) just (to) the council, to see if all of council would like this. So, nothing is ap-

Other council members were not

The Martinsville City Council re- involved in the request, according to

"It's not a council initiative; nobody else talked about it," he said, "and I'm not talking about it to push it. I'm just saying, 'Hey, the conversation is coming up. I feel that I can better defend it if we've had a study."

Jones acknowledged residents' concerns but said some form of consolidation could be a consideration.

"I still feel like overall the majority of citizens in the city don't want reversion. I think everybody would be willing to probably look at some sort of consolidation, whatever that might look like," he said.

Jones, who was among the then-candidates to previously run on a platform opposing reversion, added that the study would only move forward if a college conducted a study

for free.

His deployment to Vietnam began with a surprise phone call while stationed in Germany. "I got a call in the afternoon, telling me I was supposed to be in Vietnam," he said. "I asked when." The response was, "well you're supposed to be there now." Millner packed up quickly, brought his wife along, and was transferred from California to Vietnam. He served there from July to December 1971.

His mission changed again only months later with news of the U.S. withdrawal plan. Millner became part of Operation Keystone, a large-scale effort to return equipment to the United States under the Vietnamization

"As engineers we were not there to engage the enemy. We were there to build for the war effort," he said. "My Vietnamese secretary asked me why I wasn't being attacked as much. It's because whoever wins the war is still going to need the roads and bridges."

Millner and his fellow soldiers ensured equipment could be safely withdrawn. "I was responsible for loading up equipment and making sure it made it back home to the States."



Hollywood Cinema beside Walmart Martinsville 276-656-3456

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OBITUARIES

Roger Rouellier

Roger Rouellier, age 78, of Meadows of Dan, Va. was called home to the Lord on Friday, April 18, 2025 after suffering for many years with Waldenstrom Macroglobulin. He was born on August 5, 1946 in Waterbury, CT. to the late Francis Roger Rouellier and Josephine Maria nee Flammia Rouellier. He is survived by his two daughters from his first marriage; Dawn Marie (Mark) Jadczak, and Michelle (Joseph) Bychowsky, his loving wife of 11 years; Isabel Cavello, her children Rose (Toby) Ropp, Vito (Annette) Cavello and Isabel (Thomas) Swan-Michael Rouellier, aunt Laurette Marinara, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

graduated 1964 from Crosby High School in Waterbury. CT. Roger was a skilled carpentry career in 1970 with CT Carpenters Local 30 and was with NY Carpenters Local 157 when he retired on De-



cember 1, 2001. Roger also enjoyed working at Patrick County Family Practice 2 days a week doing maintenance.

Roger was a Harley Davidson enthusiast and enjoyed riding his 1975 Sportster. He atson, a brother Kenneth tended many rallies, which included many fundraising events. He loved to cook and was known for his pasta sauce, sausage and potatoes, and sausage with peppers. After retirement, he enjoyed volunteering with the Carpenter. He began his American Red Cross, Shriners Hospital, and he was also known as the "Ice cream man" for his time at Izzy's Ice Cream & Treasure

Roger was a devoted member of Risen Lord Roman Catholic Church in Stuart, VA. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served from 1964-1967. He was stationed in Fort Dix, NJ, Fort Gordon, GA, Vietnam, Thailand, S. Korea and Fort Frederick, MD where he attended communications schooling at the Pentagon.

Roger will be lying in state at Norris Funeral Services Stuart Chapel for family and friends to view and sign register book followed by a mass at Risen Lord Roman Catholic Church on Monday, April, 28, 2025 at 1:00 pm and the family will receive friends from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. There will also be a burial with full military honors at Southwest Virginia Military Cemetery in Dublin, VA on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Norris Funeral Services in Stuart is serving the Rouellier family. Online condolences may be made at www. norrisfuneral com

Winfield Gammons

Mr. Winfield Gammons, age 90 of Stuart, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Blue Ridge Therapy Connection. He was born in Patrick County on February 11, 1935, to the late Jessie James Gammons and Susie Goins Gammons. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, David, Frank, Blaine, William, and Herbert Gammons. Winfield enjoyed playing guitar, singing, being outdoors, watching NASCAR, and driving his pick-up truck. He was an avid Duke fan and quick-witted with a great sense of humor that he held onto until the very end. He frequented W & W Produce, where he enjoyed telling tales, eating a sandwich, and drinking a Mt. Dew. He was a dedicated family man, and taking care of his

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ty. The joy of his life was his granddaughter, Allison. He said they were tighter than the bark on a tree and he was to be her ring bearer at her upcoming June wedding. Papa will be looking down from Heaven and have the best view of her special day.

Left to cherish the memories of Winfield ly would like to express Gammons are his devoted wife of 63 years, Elaine Fain Gammons of the home; son, Mark Gammons (Tammy) of family was a top priori-Stuart; granddaughter,

Allison Gammons (fiancé, Luke Fox) of Stuart; sister, Ruby Layman of Patrick Springs; several in-laws, nieces and nephews; and grand dog,

The funeral for Mr. Gammons will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 3:00 pm at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Shaun Draughn and Pastor Wendell Terry officiating. The burial will immediately follow in Patrick Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Saturday afternoon, one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www. moodyfuneralservices.

The Gammons famitheir gratitude to the nurses, nurse aides, therapists, and staff of Blue Ridge Therapy Connection for all the tender care given.

Banquet

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Dozens of volunteers attended the annual fire and EMS banquet.



Andrew Overby addressed the group as Crystal Harris and Scottie Cassell look on.



Debbie Foley presented a plaque to Christine Elgin in honor of her 40 years of service to the community.

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The sight of human blood often produces a reaction of shock. Why? It represents life, especially if it's our own blood. When talking about salvation we often hear the expression "Christ shed His blood in order to save The word "blood" appears more than 400 times in the Bible. When connected to salvation. blood is an absolute necessity to life.

The average human body has more than 5 quarts of this life-sustaining fluid. The blood travels in a tubing system made up of arteries, veins, and capillaries. If all these vessels of one average human being were laid end to end, it would total 60,000 miles in length. The heart pumps the blood at a rapid rate, causing it to make a complete circuit every 2

amazing! Its flow is so important that if any part of the body gets shut off from the blood for just an hour, that part may die. The brain will die within minutes from lack of

One of the important roles of blood is to provide nourishment for the body tissues. In the digestive process the blood miraculously absorbs nutrients from the stomach and intestines, which then carries them to every living cell of the body. From hair to kneecaps the blood is the supplier of food to hungry cells. It is the reason God told His people in Deuteronomy 12: 23 that the blood is the life.

Now think of the blood of Jesus shed for us. When He died on the cross His spilled blood was like a transfusion resulting in death to Himself but life for those who accept Him as Saviour.

Another important aspect of blood is its cleansing ability. Much of our body consists of water perhaps 60 -75% or more. Dr. Fritz Kahn claims that if we squeezed a human body like a lemon, we would get no less than 11 gallons of water. The blood itself is a water-based liquid. The cleansing action of blood occurs as water, or plasma, and oozes through tiny vessels and flows around the cells. This clear "body water" constantly bathes every living cell.

1 John 1: 7 says the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. This symbolic statement, a sign of spiritual cleansing, uses as its comparison the human circulatory system. When Jesus gives us a new, born-again heart, the Holy Spirit begins His work to cleanse us from the filth of sin. The Bible says we begin to walk in the light. Light is the opposite of darkness, which Scripture uses to symbolize ignorance, evil, and misery. When we follow on in the light of truth we become a new person (1 Corinthians 5: 17).

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- 3. From Genesis 23, what was the first land purchase in the Bible? Garden, Hilltop, Cave, River shore
- Which apostle foreordained to minister to

the Gentiles? Thomas, Paul, Andrew, John

- 5. According to Song of Solomon 1:2, what is love better than? Food, Wine, Money, Song
- 6. Which son of the dying Jacob did he compare to a vicious lion? Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah

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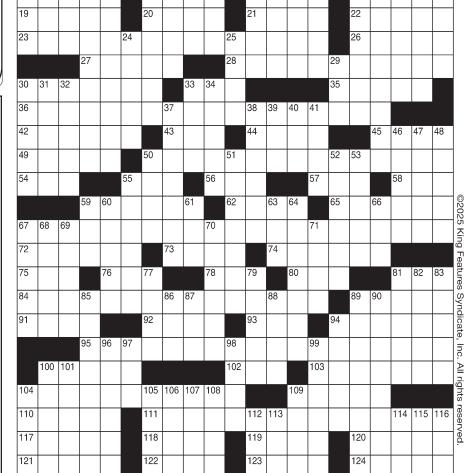
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Meetings

Tuesday, May 20

The Patrick County Department of Social Services (DSS) Advisory Board will meet at 4 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Events

Thursday, May 1

National Day of Prayer Gathering at the steps of the old courthouse in Stuart, 12-12:30

In case of rain, the venue will be the Stuart Church of Living Water (Formerly Stuart UMC).

Friday, May 2

The community food truck will be at the Woolwine SRRS from 3-4 p.m.

Brothers In Arms: J. E. B. Stuart and his brothers in the Civil War by Tom Perry, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ararat Ruritan Club, 4711 Ararat Highway, Ararat. Perry will discuss the lives of Major General James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart and his brothers, William Alexander Stuart, who ran the saltworks in Saltville, Virginia, and Dr. John Dabney Stuart, who served as a physician in the 54th Virginia Infantry during the War Between The States. Programs are free.

Saturday, May 3

To celebrate national VFW Day of Service, VFW Post 7800 will clean up the Shelton Family Cemetery. Anyone interested in helping should meet at VFW Post 78000 at 10 a.m. Participants are recommended to wear boots, gloves, and eye protection. For more information, call Commander Donald Cockram at (276) 222-0634.

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Meadows of Dan Women's Club will hold a Bingo event at the Meadows of Dan Community Center, 2858 JEB Stuart Hwy, Meadows of Dan. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. For more information, call (276) 952-2674 or (276) 952-6395.

Monday, May 5

The Ararat Ruritan Club will hold a Cinco de Mayo Tacos2Go (or eat-in) from 4:30-7 p.m. every Monday night from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Ararat Ruritan Club. Tacos are \$3 and margaritas are \$2. Proceeds will go to help fund the group's ongoing community service projects.

Tuesday, May 6

The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Lunch & Learn at 12 p.m. at the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) Stuart site. The workshop will focus on pre-venture planning for entrepreneurs and it's free.

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Thursday, May 8

The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group will hold its May meeting at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Entertainment will be provided by Mary Jo and Charlie Leake. Beverages will be provided. The menu is potluck so attendees are requested to bring their favorite meats, vegetables, and/or desserts to share with the group.

Saturday, May 10

The Patrick County Master Gardener's annual plant sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Rotary Building in Stuart. Plants start at \$2 and will include flowers, vegetables, shrubs, trees, groundcovers, and bulbs.

Wednesday, May 14

The Patrick County Food Bank will distribute food at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Fellowship Church in Ararat from 8-10 a.m., and starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building in Meadows of Dan.

Friday, May 16

The community food truck will be at the Fairystone VFD from 3-4 p.m.

Ongoing

The Coffee Break Café hosts live music on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Bring an instrument, or just come and listen.

Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During opening hours an inside yard sale is open to the public. Proceeds from the yard sales are used to purchase supplies. Members meet on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Alzheimer's office, located on Wood Brothers Drive, in the basement of Hills Tax Service. New members are welcome. For more information, call (276) 693-6018.

Two branches of the Alzheimer's Group LLC have been established in the Vesta and Ararat communities. The Ararat group meets at the Fellowship Church in Ararat on the second Thursday each month at 12 p.m. The Vesta group meets at the Vesta Community Center on the third Tuesday each month at 12 p.m. Both groups welcome new members and invite caregivers to attend these meetings to listen and learn how to deal with the effects of Alzheimer's Disease. Literature is also available.

The Patrick County Quilters' Sit-N-Sew, Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Quilted Colors. For more information, call (276) 694-3020 or email patrickcountyquilters@gmail.com.

The Ararat Ruritan Club holds Rook games

Honor Guard meets the first Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 105 at 7 p.m. Interested veterans are welcome to attend.

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Free Community Meal, every 4th Wednesday, 5 p.m., Raven Rock Wesleyan Church, 1912 Raven Rock Road, Ararat. Take out or dine in. Call Scott or Nann Phillips at (276) 773-6004 or email pastor@ravenrockchurch.

The Carroll County Genealogy Club is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednes-

The Willis Gap Community Center: Members Meeting, the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.; Appalachian Acoustic Open Jam, every Friday. Doors open at 6 p.m. for food. The music and dancing are 6:30-9 p.m.; Golden Oldies Open Jam is on the last Tuesday of the month. Doors open at 6 p.m. for food, music and dancing from 6:30-9 p.m.

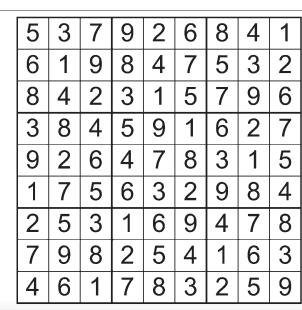
Connect Health+ Wellness offers free confidential Medicaid/FAMIS application and renewal assistance for Virginia residents from birth to 64. No sign-up fees, no premiums, no deductibles. Medicaid renewals have resumed. Medicaid members need to keep their mailing address and contact information up to date. Connect Health + Wellness' specially trained Medicaid/FAMIS Outreach Advocate can provide more information. Call or text Ann Walker, (276) 732-0509, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Patrick County Senior Citizens is sponsoring two upcoming trips — three-days, twonights to Lancaster, Pa., June 18-20, and a one-day trip on August 2 is planned to Narro-Way Dinner Theatre, Fort Mill, South Carolina. For more information, call (276) 694-3917.

Salem Church on Salem Road in Critz will hold a community meal on the first Sunday of every month at 12:10 p.m. Call (276) 222-1069 with questions.

The Patrick County Senior Citizens sponsored trip on Saturday, August 2 to NarroWay Dinner Theatre located in Fort Mill, S.C. has a few available seats. The deadline for registration and payment of the \$110 cost is June 15. To register for the trip, call trip coordinator Judy Lacks at 276-694-4767.

The Patrick County Senior Citizens are sponsoring a two day, one night trip to the Abingdon and Bristol areas of southwest Virginia departing Tuesday, November 18 and returning Wednesday, November 19. The trip will include chartered bus transportation, shopping opportunities at Thee Draper Village located in Draper, Virginia, one night's accommodation, one buffet dinner, and one breakfast at the historic Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon, admission to the 4-mile Bristol Motor Speedway's "Speedway in Lights" featuring 3 million Christmas lights and Christmas Village, admission to the Barter Theatre's Christmas Show entitled "Elf: The The Patrick County Veterans Memorial Musical," baggage handling, all taxes, and all gratuities. Registration deadline and payment of \$ 100 deposit is August 15. For additional details, contact the Patrick County Parks and Recreation office, (276) 694-3917.





Annual Kids' Trout Fishing Day draws record crowd



Thanks to all who came fishing with their family out to help make the annual 2025 Patrick County a success. The 5th annual Patrick County Kids' Trout Fishing Day was 12, along the Mayo River Rail Trail in Stuart. Aplined up and down the banks of the Mayo River

and friends.

"Even with the cool Kids' Trout Fishing Day weather, the children enjoyed a great day in Patrick County catching trout along the banks of held on Saturday, April the Mayo River and just being outside enjoying the outdoors and spendproximately 140 children ing time together with family and friends," said Sandra Heath, event

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In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$193,325.00 dated October 17, 2022 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Patrick County on October 21, 2022 as Instrument

Number: 220001897, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at

the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Patrick County, 101 W Blue Ridge St, Stuart,

VA 24171 on June 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above

address and briefly described as: All that certain tract or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and

appurtenances and rights of way thereunto belonging, and being in the Blue Ridge Magisterial District of Floyd County, Virginia, being Lot 13, containing 4.9142 acres, as shown on that certain plat of survey pre-

pared by Larry G. Rakes, CLS, dated October 29, 1984, and recorded in Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court

Together with that right to use the roadways shown the aforesaid plat of survey, for ingress and egress to State Route #601, as set forth in Deed dated November 19, 1984, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be

required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement

within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any



Wayne Kirkpatrick and a guided Kibler Valley teers and adults had a grand time as well.

Overall Heaviest Trout Gabby Wright, 3.31 lbs. Gabby was presented a trophy in memory of and enjoyed great trout organizer along with David Hayes, cash, and

Dale Owens. The volun- fishing trip by Rocky and Mike Mabe.

Quickest Limit Award (6) (In Memory of Marvin Award was presented to: Haden) was presented to: Aaron Atkins, 9:18 a.m.; Aaron was presented a trophy in memory of Marvin Haden, and a silver dollar by Rocky and Mike Mabe.

> Longest Trout (Boy): Asher Perry, 18 ¼ inches. Asher was presented a trophy and silver dollar in memory of L. H. "Piggy" Mabe by Rocky Mabe and Mike Mabe.

Longest Trout (Girl): Gabby Wright, 21 inches. Gabby was presented a trophy and silver dollar in memory of L. H. "Piggy" Mabe by Rocky Mabe and Mike Mabe.

Overall Winner Lon-Trout-Wright. Gabby was presented a fly rod package donated by Wayne Kirkpatrick, Eric Tichay and Smith River Trout Unlimited.



Shortest Trout (Boy): Camden Meeks, 8 ½ inches. Camden was presented a trophy by Rocky and Mike Mabe,

Shortest Trout (Girl): Emree Barnard, 10 inches. Emree was presented a trophy by Rocky and Mike Mabe.

Overall Winner Short-Trout: Camden est Camden was Meeks. presented a fly rod package donated by Wayne Kirkpatrick, Eric Tichay and Smith River Trout Unlimited.

Children registered as they came in and door prizes were donated by Kirkpatrick and Eric Tichay with Smith River Trout Unlimited. More than 30 fishing rods were donated by Falling Creek Hunting Club. Sandra Heath and several anonvmous donations were trophies and other great door prizes they present-

ed and in memory and honor of their friend David Hayes, who was an avid outdoorsman, along with memorials to L.H. "Piggy" Mabe and Marvin Haden as well.

Thank you to all the partnerships involved in making this kids' event a huge success in its fifth year, including Sammy Hughes, Junior Hughes, Danny Hughes and Angela Spence and many other members of the Falling Creek Hunting Club; Rocky Mabe, Michael Mabe; Wayne and Betty Kirkpatrick and Eric Tichay, along with members of Smith River Trout Unlimited; Dale Owens & Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources; Sandra Heath with Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation PCHS Fishing Team; made. Special thanks to Dan River Basin Associa-Rocky Mabe and Mike tion; Robbie Mitchell and Mabe for the awesome Rodney Hall and Patrick

County Maintenance;

(See Fishing p. 13)

information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 25-004567) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor Covius Holding Services will be used in conjunc-

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Public Notice Public Hearing for Town of Stuart - Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

tion with this sale.

568 Laurel Ridge Estate Road, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120

of Patrick County, Virginia, in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 15-C; and

The Town of Stuart will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stuart Town Office, located at 100 Patrick Avenue, to solicit public input on the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget. The proposed budget is attached for review.

For additional information, please contact Bryce Simmons, Town Manager at 276-694-3811. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Town of Stuart at PO Box 422, Stuart, VA 24171 or information@ stuartva.org until Friday, May 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.

Town of Stuart, VA - Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 2026

for Fiscal Year Ending June	2026	
General Revenues		FY 2026
AUTO DECALS	\$	30,000
AUTO RENTAL TAX	\$	150
BUSINESS LICENSE	\$ \$ \$	200,000
CIGARETTE TAX	\$	10,500
FESTIVAL INCOME	\$	1,500
FIRE DEPARTMENT OTHER FUNDS	\$ \$ \$ \$	2,500
FIRE DEPT. GAS REIMB.	\$	5,000
FIRE PROGRAM FUNDS	\$	500
FRANCHISE TAX	\$	192,000
INTEREST INCOME	\$	30,000
MEALS TAX	\$	454,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$	12,000
PROPERTY TAXES	\$	287,000
RENT - INCOME	\$	43,500
RESTRICTED INCOME	\$	1,200
STATE COMMUNICATIONS TAX	\$	1,264
STATE SALES TAX	\$	58,000
General Revenues Total =	\$	1,329,114
General Expenses		FY 2026
ADMIN. RETIREMENT	\$	1,640
ADMIN. SALARY	\$ \$ \$	54,500
ADMIN. FICA	\$	4,170
ADMIN. INSURANCE	\$	2,400
ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE	\$	6,000
BANK CHARGES - SERVICE CHARGE	\$	4,200
BANK CHARGES - CREDIT CARDS	\$	600
BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT	\$	20,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$	20,000
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	30,000
DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ \$	64,440
DUES, LICENSE, PERMIT	\$	1,500
ELECTRICITY	\$ \$	69,000
FACADE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT	\$	10,000
FARMERS' MARKET	\$	1,500
FESTIVAL EXPENSE	\$ \$	7,800
FIRE DEPT MISC	\$	20,000
INSURANCE	\$	63,000
INTERNET & COMMUNICATION	\$	10,500
MATERIALS & SUPPLY	\$	52,000
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	10,000
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$	21,000
POSTAGE	\$ \$	3,600
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$	35,000
RENT - EXPENSE	\$	15,000
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$	36,000
STREETS - GROUP INS.	\$	34,500
STREETS - INSURANCE	\$ \$ \$ \$	10,000
STREETS - RETIREMENT		2,055
STREETS FICA	\$	5,241
STREETS WAGES	\$	68,500
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$	3,800
TOWN COUNCIL FICA	\$	918
TOWN COUNCIL SALARY	\$	12,000
TOWN MANAGER	\$	75,000
TOWN MANAGER - FICA	\$	5,738
TOWN MANAGER INSURANCE	\$	9,775
TOWN MANAGER RETIREMENT	\$	2,250
TREASURER - INSURANCE	\$	12,000
TREASURER - RETIREMENT	\$ \$ \$	1,925
TREASURER FICA	\$	4,896
TREASURER SALARY	\$	64,000
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$	16,000
Interfund Transfer (General -> Enterprise)	\$	436,666
General Expenses Total =	\$	1,329,114
Sewer Fund		FY 2026
PSA SEWER INCOME	\$	13,000
SEWER FEES IN-TOWN	Ψ.	288 000

SEWER FEES IN-TOWN

SEWER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Interfund Transfer (General -> Sewer)

Sewer Revenues Total =

DEBT RETIREMENT	\$	131,808
SEWER ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE	\$	600
SEWER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		8,000
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SEWER DUES, LICENSES, & PERMITS	\$	4,600
SEWER ELECTRICITY	\$	77,000
SEWER INSURANCE	\$	6,000
SEWER INTERNET & COMMUNICATION	\$ \$	2,000
SEWER MATERIALS & SUPPLY	\$	40,000
SEWER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	¢	1,500
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SEWER OFFICE EXPENSE	Þ	500
SEWER PROFESSIONAL SERV.	\$	25,000
SEWER REPAIRS & MAINTEN.	\$	20,000
SEWER SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$	25,000
SEWER SYSTEM FICA	\$	10,075
SEWER SYSTEM GROUP INS.	2	54,050
SEWER SYSTEM RETIREMENT	Φ.	
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SEWER SYSTEM WAGES	3	114,000
SEWER SYSTEM WAGES P/T	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	17,680
SEWER TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$	-
SEWER TESTING FEES	\$	12,000
SEWER VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$	1,200
Sewer Expenses Total =	\$	556,513
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Water Fund	Ф	
PSA WATER INCOME	\$	43,000
WATER FEES IN TOWN	\$	338,000
WATER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$	8,000
Interfund Transfer (General -> Water)	\$	116,463
Water Revenues Total =	\$	505,463
DEBT RETIREMENT	\$	113,580
PSA EXPENSES	\$	600
WATER ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE	¢	600
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WATER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	3	25,000
WATER DUES, PERMITS, LICENSES	\$	1,500
WATER ELECTRICITY	\$	65,000
WATER HEALTH DEPT. ASSESSMENT	\$	2,200
WATER INSURANCE	\$	7,000
WATER INTERNET & COMMUNICATION	\$ \$	2,000
WATER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$	62,000
WATER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	2,500
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WATER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3	25,000
WATER REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$	18,000
WATER SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$	8,000
WATER SYSTEM FICA TAX	\$	8,983
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SANITATION RETIREMENT	\$	4,000					
SANITATION VEHICLE	\$	25,000					
SANITATION WAGES	\$	106,538					
Sanitation Expenses Total =	\$	253,690					
All Local Funds							
Revenues		FY 2026					
General Revenues	\$	1,329,114					
Enterprise & Utility Revenues	\$	879,000					
Total Revenues FY 2026=	\$	2,208,114					
Expenses		FY 2026					
Expenses General Operating Expenses	\$	FY 2026 892,448					
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Stuart Downtown - CDBG

Water Security & Infrastructure Improvements

Total Project Budget FY 2026 =

Stuart Downtown - ARC

288,000

16,000

239,513

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RFP 2025-MNT-002 The Patrick County School Board is accepting competitive sealed

proposals from licensed contractors to resurface the track at Patrick County High School, 215 Cougar Lane, Stuart, VA 24171. Specifications are available from the Maintenance Office at 117 Via Avenue. Stuart, VA 24171, or e-mail Chad Haynes at chad.haynes@patrick. k12.va.us. Proposals are due by Friday, May 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. EST at 117 Via Avenue, Stuart, VA 24171.

Town of Stuart Seeks Town Clerk / Treasurer The Town of Stuart is seeking a responsible and detail-oriented in-

dividual to serve as its Town Clerk/Treasurer. This crucial role is responsible for managing the financial and administrative operations of Responsibilities: include utility billing and collections, property tax

administration, BPOL tax and licensing, meeting minutes, customer service, work orders, financial record keeping, budget preparation and monitoring, payroll administration, records management, website and social media management, and election support. Requirements: Thorough understanding of accounting principles,

proficiency in billing/collections, knowledge of property tax administration, strong communication and organizational skills, and proficiency in relevant computer software. Experience with FMS software by Southern Software is beneficial.

Education and Experience: High school diploma or equivalent required; Associate's degree preferred. Minimum 2 years of relevant experience, preferably in a municipal setting. To Apply: Submit a resume, cover letter, completed Town of Stuart

application, and three professional references to information@stuartva.org or in person to the Stuart Town Office, 100 Patrick Ave, Stuart, VA 24171. A Town of Stuart application may be obtained online at stuartva.org or in person at the Stuart Town Office. Deadline: Noon (EST), May 21, 2025.

The Town of Stuart is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGAL 2027 PATRICK COUNTY PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

Request for Proposals RFP 2025-12320-0425 The County of Patrick is hereby soliciting proposals from qualified

individuals and organizations to provide a general reassessment of all real property for the County of Patrick in accordance with Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. The proposals will be received at the Patrick County Administration office until, but no later than 4:00 p.m., Local Prevailing Time, on Friday, May 2, 2025. The complete RFP is available on the Patrick County website at www.co.patrick.va.us, or by contacting Ruth Russell at 276-693-2009.

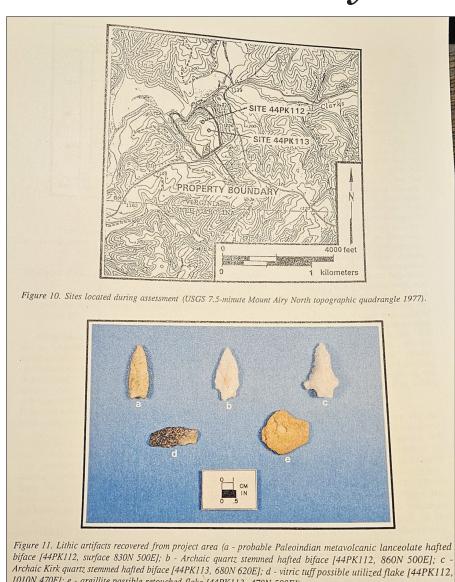
Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The envelope shall be plainly marked on the outside (REP-2027 PatrickCounty Reassessment). Proposals must be received by the Patrick County Administration Office, no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, May 2, 2025. Proposals may be mailed to Beth Simms, County Administrator, P.O. Box 466, Stuart, Virginia 24171 or hand delivered to the Patrick County Ad-

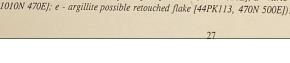
ministration Office, Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building, 106 Rucker Street, Ste. 218, Stuart, Virginia 24171. Requests for extensions of this date will not be granted. Electronic copies may be sent to bsimms@co.patrick.va.us with a copy to rrussell@co.patrick.va.us. Consultants mailing proposals should allow for normal mail time to ensure receipt of their proposals prior to the deadline. Patrick County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will not dis-

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Posted at the direction of Beth Simms, County Administrator

Laurel Hill's Many Histories: Native Americans





By Tom Perry Text From Interpretive Sign At Laurel Hill: Native American

"The archaeological investigation of the Laurel Hill property by the College of William and Mary's Center for Archaeological Research in 1993 revealed the presence of Native American activity on this crest during the Archaic and Woodland Periods (circa 12000 BC to 900 A.D.). This site appears from the recovered artifacts to have been occupied and reoccupied by Paleo-Indian and Archaic Native American lated to the Saponi tribe." groups exploiting the resource rich used the site on the high ground

cupation existed in the Late Woodland period circa 900 to 1600 A.D.

The Native American site extends approximately 300 feet north and south and approximately 60 feet east to west of this point. The site was defined by the recovery of prehistoric lithic tools and projectile points through controlled surface collection methods. Photographs of the recovered artifacts are shown."

J. E. B. Stuart complained in his early days in the United States Army while in Texas that he never saw an Indian, a Native American, an Indigenous person, or whatever label you might want to use to describe those people who were here before the British arrived in Virginia. He never saw one at his birthplace in Ararat, Patrick County, Virginia. Still, they were there long before his family came to the banks of the Ararat River, and that ples did not follow boundaries like body of water brought them to the

foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Archaeology by the College of William and Mary revealed the presence of Native Americans along the Ararat River, which flows into the Yadkin River in North Carolina, well known for its many native sites. "The Yadkin River area in North Carolina was home to Native American settlements from the Archaic period through the Woodland period, with evidence suggesting the area was inhabited by Siouan-speaking tribes like the Saura and Tutelo and possibly re-

This story begins long before the Ararat River Valley to the north. first European people came to the The Paleo-Indian peoples may have region. Evidence of peoples from Asia, we call Native Americans or above a water source, the Ararat Indians, crossed the Bering Strait River, as a hunting campground. between Siberia and Alaska over The Archaic peoples were hunt- 20,000 years ago when the oceans er-gatherers, and the majority of were several hundred feet lower artifacts found are from this period. than today. Archaeology at Laurel Thus, this prehistoric site ap- Hill stretches back to 12,000 B. C. pears to have been the site of inter- in the Paleo-Indian era. These were mittent Native American activity the first of many interesting people gathering plants and hunting. Archaeological surveys conducted by the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, found evidence from the Archaic era circa 8,000 B.C. to 500 B.C. People from this time lived in primitive shelters while hunting, gathering, and fish-

> Inhabitants from the Woodland era, 500 B. C. to 1600 A. D. spoke a variation of the Siouan language. The Tutelo people lived to the north in places such as present-day Salem, Virginia. The Sauras lived to the east along the Dan River. The Catawba lived to the south, and the Cherokee and Shawnee to the west. These were conservative family groups in which the women owned property and passed it on to their daughters. Men married into the women's families. These peothe state line near Laurel Hill but

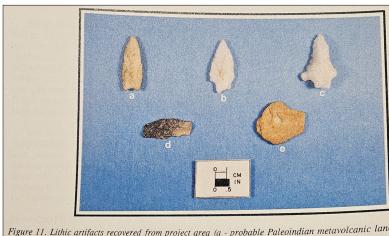


Figure 11. Lithic artifacts recovered from project area (a - probable Paleoindian metavolcanic lanceolate hafted biface [44PK112, surface 830N 500E]; b - Archaic quartz stemmed hafted biface [44PK112, 860N 500E]; c - Archaic Kirk quartz stemmed hafted biface [44PK113, 680N 620E]; d - vitric tuff possible utilized flake [44PK112, 1010N 470E]; 1010N 470EJ; e - argillite possible retouched flake [44PK113, 470N 500EJ).





the region's rivers. They survived nent villages started to grow along farming the three sisters: corn, beans, and squash while living in villages, trading local soapstone for copper and pottery. Other crops these people grew included gourds, sunflowers, peaches, watermelon, and a green leafy tobacco plant. Most of these people died due to disease or left the area before anyone settled at Laurel Hill. Signs of these people are still with us. Highspanning some 13000 years, ending to live on this land along the Ararat way 220 between Roanoke and with the Woodland period ending River. They lived in small groups Greensboro was the Tutelo-Saura habitants began moving elsewhere circa 900 A.D. No evidence of oc- within caves or in the open while Path and later the Great Wagon or due to depletion of the soil, lower Carolina Road. Local tradition has it these native peoples used a trail along the Ararat River for travel and lived nearby in a village.

One North Carolina historical website states the following under the heading, "Native Americans on the banks of the Yadkin. The first humans arrived in this region at least 12,000 years ago. They largely followed the big game and were drawn to the Shallow Ford in search of those animals. Over millennia, they developed extensive trail networks through the region.

About 3000 years ago, during the Archaic Period, humans in this area changed from highly mobile hunter-gatherer lifeways to living in semi-permanent villages. They also developed innovations such as pottery and horticulture. Around 800, gardening began to be prioritized, especially with the introduction of maize. Larger, more perma-

the banks of the Yadkin River. By the year 1000, the beginning of the Late Woodland Period, large villages like the Donnaha Site developed every three to seven miles along the Yadkin River. Smaller settlements, such as the McPherson Site, lay in between. The Yadkin's banks were at one time home to the largest population of Native Americans in North Carolina.

Around 1450, the indigenous ingame populations, and possibly warfare. It is believed that the population shifted northeastward to the Dan River. Archaeologists link the Yadkin River population with the Saura Indians who inhabited the area from the Sauratown Mountains to an area near modern-day Eden, North Carolina. The Saura moved to South Carolina around 1715, where they became known as the Cheraw. Their descendants survive today as part of the Catawba Nation."

Thirty years ago, I began to see Laurel Hill as more than just the birthplace of James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart. I saw it as an outside classroom where our nation's history could be studied by a leisurely walk along the banks of the Ararat River from prehistoric times to the modern days we live in today. These are Laurel Hill's Many Histories.

Fishing:

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Master Naturalists and Patrick County AGCI group; Vincent's Legacy, Kindness Rocks to help educate others on the effects of bullying; Lora Mahaffey and Bull Mountain Arts; One Family Productions; Helms Septic Service; Mallozy Food Truck; County of Patrick; Patrick County Chamber of Commerce; Town of Stuart. Forgive us if we missed anyone.

This section of the Mayo River at the Mayo River Rail Trail is only stocked by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources once a year for the annual Patrick County Kid's Trout Fishing Day.

Program sponsored by Southwest Piedmont event and then the adults must have a Valid Virginia State Fishing License and Trout casting reel and reeling fish back in.

Patrick County's First Kid's Fishing Day was held in 2019. Sandra W. Heath had a vision to give an opportunity for children as well as adults access to great fishing along the Mayo River Rail Trail and for kids & families to get out and enjoy nature. On February 28, 2017, she met with George Palmer, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Bi-

Norma Bozenmayer and the River Rangers not permitted to fish until after the children's River. Soon after Mrs. Heath worked with George Palmer, VDGIF; Dale Owens, VDGIF Conservation Police Officer; and Tom Rose, Stamp to fish. Adults who were helping chil- Patrick County Administrator and the Patrick dren, were not required to have a license, this County Board of Supervisors as well, a pubevent was for the children. Children had to be lic fishing agreement was agreed to and voted on March 13, 2017. One goal was to have an annual Kids Trout Fishing Day, as well as to provide a great trout fishing location from the parking lot area downstream to the bench end for the public.

Through teamwork, Sandra Heath, Patrick SWCD, Dale Owens, Conservation Police Officer and Wayne Kirkpatrick, Dan River Basin Association made the 1st Annual Kids Trout The event, rain or shine, was for youth 15 ologist at the Mayo River Rail Trail to discuss Fishing Day a reality on April 20, 2019, along years old and younger from 9-12. Adults were extending trout stocking on the South Mayo with many partnering organizations.

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P&HCC expands Building Trades Academy; Classes to continue during renovation

Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) is expanding its Building Trades Academy, reinforcing its longstanding commitment to workforce development and hands-on career training.

The \$2.6 million project, funded by the Workforce Pipeline Funds of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), will enhance the Academy's training capacity while maintaining uninterrupted learning for current students.

The Building Trades Academy has long served as a vital resource for individuals pursuing careers in skilled trades, providing industry-relevant instruction and hands-on experience in fields such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and carpentry. This expansion will modernize existing facilities, introduce new state-of-the-art



Students in Jerry Byrd's carpentry class put the finishing touches on a storage shed.

equipment, and increase classroom and lab space to accommodate a growing student body.

"This expansion will allow us to serve more students and better prepare them for high-demand careers in the skilled trades in the communities served by P&HCC, all while continuing to deliver quality education throughout the renovation process," said P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges.

Construction is set to be completed by June 2026, and all programs and classes will continue on a regular schedule during the renovation period.

For more information about the Building Trades Academy or to enroll in upcoming courses, please visit www.patrickhenry.edu or call (276)

Fossils tell a story at Storytime

Children heard stories of fossil hunting and examined real fossils at the library's Storytime. Youngsters even examined coprolites or fossilized dinosaur poop. The children learned how scientists use fossils to tell a story about what the earth was like thousands of years ago followed by making their own fossil models using clay and shells. They put fossilized sharks' tooth in their models. The program was led by children's librarian Sam Edmundson and Master Naturalist Norma Bozenmayer.







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Property has road frontage on Scenic Dr and access from Mountain View Loop by a 50 ft right of way. The wooded land makes for great seclusion and privacy, while the property is conveniently located just off of Route 58. Route 58 provides easy access to Patrick Springs, Stuart, Martinsville, Hillsville, the VA/NC state line, and other surrounding cities. Do not miss your chance on this large land tract in Patrick County VA!

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$20,000 is required on the day of sale. Close on or before June 30th, 2025. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence before placing a bid. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on May 15th, 2025. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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Total Fitness of Stuart, Stuart, VA	Favorite	Jeweler's Edge, Martinsville, VA	Favorite
Martinsville/HC YMCA, Martinsville, VA	Favorite	Mark's Jewelers, Martinsille, VA	Favorite
HARDWARE STORE		LANDSCAPE DESIGN	
Northwest Ace, Ridgeway, VA	Winner	Everything Outdoor, Bassett, VA	Winner
Ace Heritage Home Center, Bassett, VA	Favorite	Prillaman Landscape, Ridgeway, VA	Favorite
Patrick Buidling Supply, Stuart, VA	Favorite	Elaborate Landscapes, Axton, VA	Favorite
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LAW FIRM

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Gardner, Barrow, Sharpe, Martinsville, VA

Armstrong Law, Martinsville, VA

Schneider & Williams, Stuart, VA

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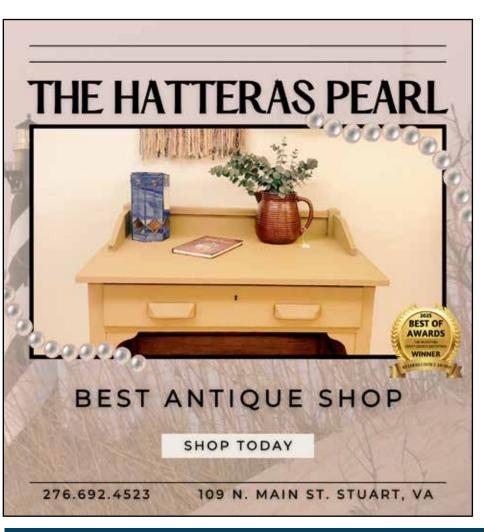
















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LUNCH RESTAURANT

Railway Cafe Bassett, VAWinnerFenderz, Martinsville, VAFavoritePickle & Ash, Stuart, VAFavorite

MEN'S CLOTHING STORE

Carters Fine Clothing, Martinsville, VASoutheastern Outdoor Supplies, Martinsville, VA
Belk Martinsville, VA

MOVIE THEATER

Movie Town, Martinsville, VAWinnerHollywood Cinema, Martinsville, VAFavoriteValley View Grande, Roanoke, VAFavorite

MUSIC VENUE

Rooster Walk, Axton, VA Winner
Harvester Performance Center, Rocky Mt, VA Favorite
Moutain Valley Brewing, Axton, VA Favorite

MUSICAL LOCAL BAND

Andy Burnette Trio, Martinsville, VA

Mad House, Martinsville, VA

Remedy, Martinsville, VA

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NAIL SALON

Mimi Nails, Martinsville, VAWinnerNick Nack Nails, Martinsville, VAFavoriteLuxury Nails, Ridgeway, VAFavorite

OBSTETRICS /GYNECOLOGY PRACTICE (OB/GYN)

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Snyder Orthodontics, Martinsville, VA
Henritze Dental Group, Collinsville, VA
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ORTHOPEDIC PRACTICE

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OUTDOOR DINING

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PEDIATRIC PRACTICE

Children First Pediatrics, Martinsville, VAWinnerPatrick County Family Practice, Stuart, VAFavoriteMartinsville Family Medicine, Martinsville, VAFavorite

PEST CONTROL

Economy Exterminators, Collinsville, VAWinnerRobert's Pest Control, Martinsville, VAFavoriteNational Exterminators, Martinsville, VAFavorite

PET BOARDING/DAYCARE

Spunky's Spa, Martinsville, VAKing's Mountain Animal Clinic, Collinsville, VA
Barking Beauties, Collinsville, VA
Favorite

PHOTOGRAPHY

Daydream Photography LLC, Martinsville, VAWinnerKayla Elise PhotographyFavoriteWalk by faith- Emily BarleyFavorite

PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE

Bassett Physical Therapy, Bassett, VAWinnerSpectrum Medical, Martinsville, VAFavoriteTherapy Direct, Stuart, VAFavorite

PIZZERIA

Papa's Pizza, Bassett, VAWinnerJerry's Pizza, Martinsville, VAFavoriteElizabeth's Pizza, Stuart, VAFavorite

PLACE TO WORK

Chick-fil-A, Martinsville, VARailway Cafe, Bassett, VA
Piedmont Community Service, Martinsille & Stuart, VA
Favorite

PLUMBING/HVAC COMPANY

McKinney Heating & Air Conditioning, Martinsville VAWinnerVipperman HVAC, Stuart, VAFavoriteHydro Air Systems, Stuart, VAFavorite

PRESCHOOL

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Little Angels Early Learning Center, Bassett, VA Favorite





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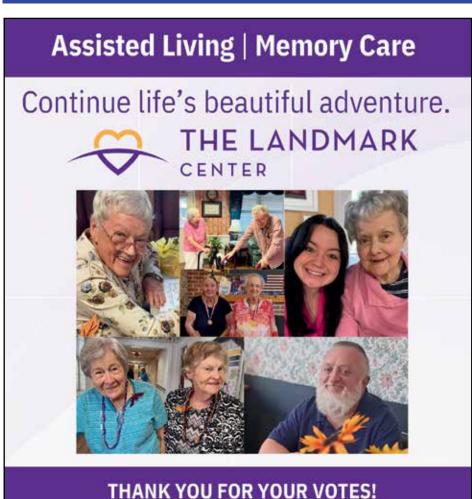
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REAL ESTATE FIRM Sarver Properties, Collinsville VA Homes by Amy + Co, Collinsville, VA Spencer Group, Martinsville, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite	SPECIAL OCCASION RESTAURAN Pickle & Ash, Stuart, VA Chopstix, Martinsville, Va Rania's Restaurant Bar & Grill, Martinsville, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite
REALTOR Richard Sarver, Collinsville, VA Johnny Lambert, Stuart, VA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY	Winner Favorite	SPORTING GOODS OR OUTDOOR OUTFITTER Rural King, Martinsville, VA Southeastern Outdoor, Martinville, VA Dunhams, Martinsville, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite
King's Grant, Martinsville, VA The Landmark Center, Stuart, VA Mulberry Creek, Martinsville, VA ROOFING COMPANY	Winner Favorite Favorite	STEAKHOUSE Clarence's Steak & Seafood, Ridgeway, VA Pickle & Ash, Stuart, VA Pacific Bay Steak & Seafood, Martinsville, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite
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SANDWICH SHOP Railway Cafe, Bassett, VA Ground Floor, Martinsville, VA Famous Subs & More, Martinsville, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite	TOWING COMPANY Harbour Garage and Towing, Martinsville, VA R&J Auto Repair & Towing, Stuart, VA Gregory's Towing, Ridgeway VA	Winner Favorite Favorite
SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Captain Tom's, Martinsville, VA Pacific Bay Steak & Seafood, Martinsville, VA Clarence's Steak & Seafood, Ridgeway, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite	VETERINARY HOSPITAL King's Mountain Animal Clinic, Collinsville, VA Boyce-Holland, Stuart, VA Pet Clinic, Martinsville, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite
SHOE STORE Sole Zone, Martinsville, VA Rippies, Danville, VA Shoe Show, Martinsville, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite	WINERY Hamlet Vineyard, Bassett, VA Chateau Morrisette, Floyd, VA Stanburn Winery, Stuart, VA	Winner Favorite Favorite
SPA Indigo Wellness Spa, Collinsville, VA	Winner	WOMEN'S CLOTHING STORE	

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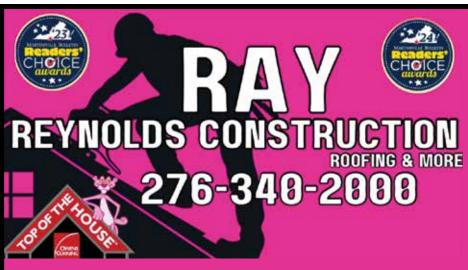




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